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Terry Goddard to Host Attorneys General Meth Summit

(Phoenix, Ariz. – February 22, 2005) Attorneys General from across the country will meet on Thursday to discuss efforts to fight the production and use of methamphetamines. Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard will host the day-long summit in Scottsdale.

"We are experiencing a public health crisis with meth," Goddard said. "Meth cooks are poisoning our children, putting our public safety officers in unacceptable dangers and imposing high costs on taxpayers, businesses, healthcare systems and the environment to deal with the effects of meth use and production."

Goddard is most concerned about the affects meth production has on children.

"Children in Arizona and across the country are the most vulnerable victims in this crisis," Goddard said. "This summit will provide us with information on how other agencies across the country are addressing this problem. The more information we have to combat this problem, the better served these kids will be."

The summit will include presentations from:

- Scott M. Burns, Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.
- McGregor Scott, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California and Chair of the Meth Subcommittee, U.S. Attorneys Association.
- Nicola Erb, Epidemiologist, National Jewish Medical Research Center

The meeting will also feature Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson. He will talk about his state's experience in combating meth production following the adoption of legislation that requires pseudoephedrine medications to be moved behind pharmacy counters.

Joining Goddard at the summit will be Attorneys General from Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, West Virginia and Manitoba, Canada. Attorney General Goddard and other attorneys general will hold a press conference following the completion of the summit:

What: Methamphetamine Summit Press Conference

When: February 24, 2005

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Where: Outside the Conference Center near Ballrooms 3&4
Renaissance Scottsdale Hotel
6160 N. Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

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